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 portable computing unit for receiving the signal via the PCMCIA card. The

gauge allows the on-site user to alternately record coating thickness measurement data and descriptive textual or graphical data relating to each coating thickness measurement.

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The present invention relates to coating thickness gauges and more particularly to a novel method and apparatus for measuring and recording coating thickness data and associated descriptive data through a graphical user interface.

It is an object of the invention to provide a novel coating thickness gauge which allows a user to record thickness measurement data along with descriptive data through a user interface on a computer screen.

OBJ It is a further object of the invention to improve the accuracy of coating thickness measurement data by providing an apparatus which allows a user to alternate between recording a coating thickness measurement data point and recording descriptive textual or graphical data relating to the data point. It is a further object of the invention to provide a modularized coating thickness apparatus which includes a probe which produces an electric signal representative of a measured coating thickness and a PCMCIA card which receives the electric signal and converts the electric signal into a digital data signal in a standard PCMCIA output format.

(US5930744)

ADB Among other advantages, the gauge improves the accuracy and reliability of coating thickness measurements, provides the flexibility of plugging in any probe (e.g., magnetic, eddy current, ultrasonic, etc.) to any PCMCIA-compatible device, and allows the user to perform data analysis on-site. Such a procedure, however, requires the user to manually keep track of which data points correspond to which locations on the object being measured, and are thus time consuming and susceptible to recording errors.

(US5930744)

1. A method of recording coating thickness measurements, comprising the steps of:

obtaining a plurality of coating thickness values with a probe electrically connected to an electronic memory;  
recording in the electronic memory the plurality of coating thickness values;  
and

ICLM recording in the electronic memory a plurality of descriptive data, each descriptive data is associated with a respective one of the coating thickness values and provides information concerning the respective one coating thickness value.


10. An apparatus for measuring a coating thickness, comprising:

a probe which generates a first signal representative of a measured coating thickness; and

a PCMCIA card connected to the probe and which receives the first signal from the probe, the PCMCIA card including means for converting the first signal into a second signal which is compatible with a standard PCMCIA output format.

21. An apparatus for measuring and recording coating thickness measurements, comprising:  
 an electronic memory;  
 means for obtaining a plurality of coating thickness values with a probe electrically connected to the electronic memory;  
 means for recording in the electronic memory the plurality of coating thickness values; and  
 means for recording in the electronic memory a plurality of descriptive data so that each descriptive data is associated with a respective one of the coating thickness values and provides information concerning the respective one coating thickness value.

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**REISSUE:** April 3, 2001 - Reissue Application filed Ex. Gp.: 2857; Re. S.N. 09/542,640 (O.G. June 5, 2001)**INVENTOR:** Koch, Frank J. - Ogdensburg, New York, United States (US); Vandervalk, Leon C. - Brockville, Canada (CA); Beamish, David J. - Brockville, Canada (CA)**APPL-NO:** 529137 (08)**FILED-DATE:** September 15, 1995**GRANTED-DATE:** July 27, 1999**ASSIGNEE-PRE-ISSUE:** October 25, 1995 - ASSIGNMENT OF ASSIGNORS INTEREST (SEE DOCUMENT FOR DETAILS)., DEFELSKO CORPORATION 802 PROCTOR AVENUE OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK, 13669, Reel and Frame Number: 007990/0283**ASSIGNEE-AT-ISSUE:** Defelsko Corporation, Ogdensburg, New York, United States (US), United States company or corporation (02)**LEGAL-REP:** Burns, Doane, Swecker & Mathis, LLP**PUB-TYPE:** July 27, 1999 - Utility Patent having no previously published pre-grant publication (A)**PUB-COUNTRY:** United States (US)**US-MAIN-CL:** 702#170**US-ADDL-CL:** 324#229, 324#230, 702#155**CL:** 702, 324**SEARCH-FLD:** 364#563, 364#560, 364#550, 364#920, 364#921.8, 324#230, 324#229, 702#155, 702#170

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Mary-Louise Quinn, Petitioner, v. Gale A. Norton, Secretary, Department of the Interior, Agency

MSPB No. SF-0752-00-0625-I-1 Petition No. 03A10110

U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

2002 EEOPUB LEXIS 972

February 25, 2002

**CORE TERMS:** disability, et seq, sex, unlawful discrimination, petitioner filed, regulation, reprisal, blowing, adduced, whistle, female, mixed**ISSUEDBY:** [\*1] For the Commission by Carlton M. Hadden, Director, Office of Federal Operations**OPINION:**  
**DECISION**

On August 16, 2001, petitioner filed a timely petition with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC or the Commission) asking for review of a Final Order issued by the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB or the Board) concerning her claim of discrimination in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (ADEA), as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 621 et seq., and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 791 et seq. Petitioner, a Water Rights Specialist, GS-11, at the agency's Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region, in Sacramento, California, alleged that she was discriminated against on the bases of sex (female), age (59), and disability (advanced education) n1 when she was removed from her position effective July 21, 2000, for inability to sustain a 40-hour work-week schedule.

----- Footnotes -----

n1 Petitioner also alleged reprisal for "whistle blowing" activity. Petitioner does not claim that her "whistle blowing" disclosures pertained to employment practices which are unlawful under the statutes enforced by the Commission. Accordingly, petitioner's claim of reprisal is outside of the Commission's purview. See *Honeycutt v. Department of Defense*, EEOC Request No. **05930744** (February 17, 1994).

----- End Footnotes----- [\*2] On August 21, 2000, petitioner filed a mixed case appeal with the MSPB. Petitioner initially requested a hearing, but subsequently withdrew her request. Accordingly, after affording the parties an opportunity to submit evidence, the MSPB Administrative Judge issued a decision on the record. The MSPB AJ's decision sustained petitioner's removal. The MSPB AJ noted that petitioner was absent from work as follows: in 1996, 663 hours; in 1997, 666.25 hours; in 1998,

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For the period ended Dec. 31, earnings amounted to one cent a share, down from eight cents a year earlier, the Victoria-based company reported Tuesday.

Sales rose to \$7.16 million from \$6.75 million.


"While our bottom line has been hurt by the bankruptcy of a key European distributor and the weakness of the U.S. dollar, our revenues continue to increase," CEO Doug Vandekerkhove said in a release.

"We are confident that ACD Systems' strong fundamentals will produce a quick rebound from these short-term setbacks."

Costs in the nine-month fiscal period included \$1.68 million for the amortization of intangible assets in the acquisition of Deneba Systems Inc. and the writeoff of a \$700,000 receivable due to the insolvency of ACD's former German distributor.

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



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